Elimination of child labour

†260. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not taking proper steps to safeguard interest of the child labour in hazardous industries by Government even after enactment of law; and

(b) the number of cases of child labour which have come to light during the survey conducted in 2001-2002, State-wise and the number of cases of exploitation of child labours engaged in various tasks including industrial zones mines etc. have been registered and the number of cases where legal action has been taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) Government has taken a series of steps to address the problem of child labour in the country. A National Policy on Child Labour was announced by the Government in 1987 which envisages strict enforcement of child labour related laws, convergence of services for the benefit of parents of child labour in order to improve their economic conditions and launching of projects in areas of high concentration of child labour.

Employment of children below the age of 14 is prohibited in 13 Occupations and 57 Processes listed in the schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The Occupations and Processes considered hazardous are added to the schedule to the Act on the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee constituted under section 5 of the Act. The Central and State Governmetns are responsible for enforcement of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in their respective spheres. Employers found employing children in Occupations and Processes prohibited under the Act are prosecuted under the provisions of the Act.

100. National Child Labour Projects are under implementation in 13 child labour endemic states in the country for coverage of about 2.13 lakh children.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No such survey of child labour has been conducted during 2001-2002.

Recommendation of the National Labour Commission

261. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission on Labour has submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, whether the Commission had received reports of all the study groups that had been set up to go into the details of labour market;

(c) whether the recommendations of the study groups have been incorporated in the main report and salient features of the main recommendations;

(d) by when Government are likely to take a final decision thereon; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for early implementation of the recommendations of the Commission and to issue digital identity cards to the workers in unorganised sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Commission has submitted its Report to the Government on 29-06-2002.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) In framing its recommendations, the Commission has used the reports of Study Groups as inputs.

The report is under process/examination. The report is a voluminous document, containing recommendations on wide range of issues which require